

1 I claim:

2 1. A combination bathtub protection and temporary scaffold
3 system comprising:

4 a shield and temporary work surface panel sized and
5 shaped to substantially overlay the entirety of a
6 bathtub to be protected; and

7 an adjustable positioning unit which includes a bracket
8 member for attachment to set shield and temporary
9 work surface panel and for supporting and oriented
10 and an adjustable foot member, said adjustable foot
11 member including a threaded rod which is threadingly
12 engaged with said bracket member near one end of
13 said threaded rod and having a foot pad member
14 attached to the other end of said threaded rod.

1 2. A method for protecting the bathtub against damage
2 during construction or remodeling and for providing a
3 temporary scaffold comprising the steps of:

4 selecting a combination bathtub protection and
5 temporary scaffold system comprising:

6 a shield and temporary work surface panel sized
7 and shaped to substantially overlay the
8 entirety of a bathtub to be protected; and
9 an adjustable positioning unit which includes
10 a bracket member for attachment to set
11 shield and temporary work surface panel
12 and for supporting and oriented and an
13 adjustable foot member, said adjustable
14 foot member including a threaded rod which
15 is threadingly engaged with said bracket
16 member near one end of said threaded rod
17 and having a foot pad member attached to
18 the other end of said threaded rod;

19 attaching said adjustable positioning unit to said shield
20 and temporary work surface panel at a position
21 whereby, when said shield and temporary work surface
22 panel is placed atop said bathtub with said
23 adjustable positioning unit extending into the
24 interior of said bathtub, said adjustable
25 positioning unit, when adjusted, will apply force

1 against an interior surface of a first side of said
2 bathtub to lodge said shield and temporary work
3 surface panel against a vertical surface which
4 juxtaposes the upper margin of a second, opposite
5 side of said bathtub for securely maintaining said
6 system in position relative to said bathtub;
7 adjusting said adjustable positioning unit; and
8 placing said shield and temporary work surface panel atop
9 said bathtub with said adjustable positioning unit
10 extending into said interior of said bathtub and
11 with said foot member contacting said interior
12 surface of said first side of said bathtub.